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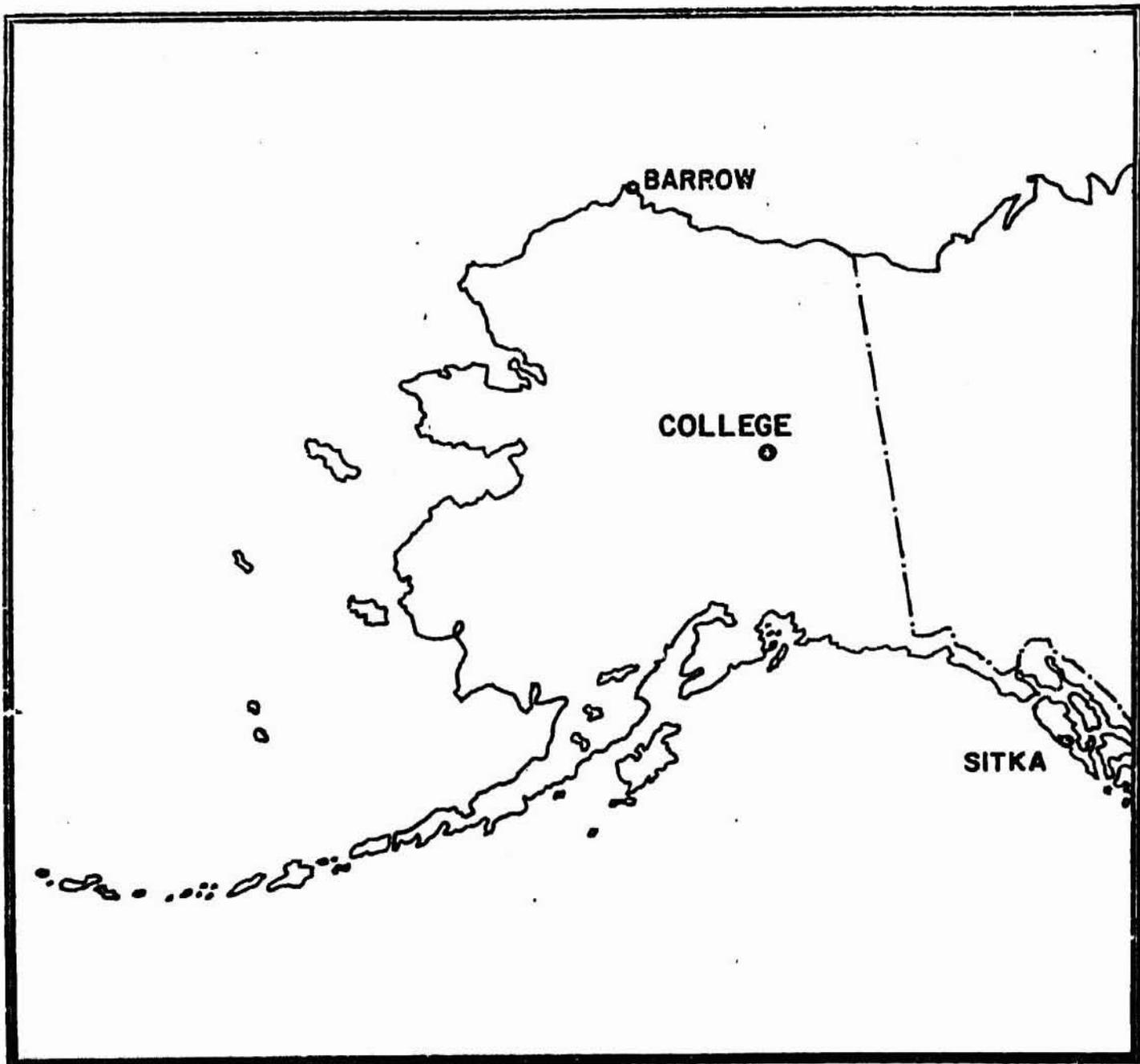


### PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA COLLEGE OBSERVATORY FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

FEBRUARY 1980

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COLLEGE OBSERVATORY PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

INTRODUCTION

The preliminary geomagnetic data included here is made available to scientific personnel and organizations, as part of a cooperative effort and on a data exchange basis because of the early need by some users. To avoid delay, all of the data is copied from original forms processed at the observatory; therefore it should be regarded as preliminary. Inquiries about this report or about the College Observatory should be addressed to:

Chief, College Observatory  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Yukon Drive on West Ridge  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Requests for copies of the magnetograms except for the current month should be addressed to:

World Data Center A-NOAA  
Environmental Data Service  
Boulder, Colorado 80302

OBSERVATORY LOCATION

The College Observatory, operated by the U. S. Geological Survey, is located at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska. It is near the Auroral Zone and the northern limit of the world's greatest earthquake belt, the circum-Pacific Seismic belt. Although the observatory's basic operation is in geomagnetism and seismology, it cooperates with other scientists and organizations in areas where the facility and personnel can be of service.

The observatory is one of three operated by the USGS in Alaska. The others are located at Barrow and Sitka.

The position of the observatory site is:  
Geographic latitude.....64°51.6'N  
Geographic longitude.....147°50.2'W  
Geomagnetic latitude.....+64.6°  
Geomagnetic longitude.....+256.5°  
Elevation.....200 meters

GEOMAGNETIC DATA

Normal, Storm, and Rapid Run magnetograms and appropriate calibration data are processed daily at the observatory and are available for analysis or copying. Also available are mean hourly scalings, K-Indices, selected magnetic phenomena reports, and on a real-time basis are recordings from a 3-component fluxgate magnetometer and F-component proton magnetometer.

Magnetic Activity

The K-Index. The K-Index is a logarithmic measurement of the range of the most disturbed component (D or H) of the geomagnetic field for eight intervals beginning 0000-0300, 0300-0600...2100-2400 UT. It is a measure of the difference between the highest and lowest deviation from a smooth curve to be expected for a component on a magnetically quiet day, within a three hour interval.

The Equivalent Daily Amplitude, AK. The K-Index is converted into an equivalent range, ak, which is near the center of the limiting gamma ranges for a given K. The average of the eight values is called equivalent daily amplitude AK. The unit 10γ has been chosen so as not to give the illusion of an accuracy not justified.

The schedule for converting gamma range to K, and K to ak is as follows:

Gamma Range	K - Index	ak*
0 < 25	0	0
25 < 50	1	3
50 < 100	2	7
100 < 200	3	15
200 < 350	4	27
350 < 600	5	48
600 < 1000	6	80
1000 < 1650	7	140
1650 < 2500	8	240
2500+	9	400 (10γ)

The Magnetic Daily Character Figure, C. To each universal day a character is assigned on the basis C=0, if it is quiet; C=1 if it is moderately disturbed; C=2 if it is greatly disturbed. The method used to assign characters at the College Observatory is based on AK as follows:

AK Range	C
0-11	0
11-50	1
50+	2

Routine assignment of C was discontinued at College on January 1, 1976.

Selected Phenomena & Outstanding Magnetic Effects

Prior to January 1, 1976, the Normal & Rapid Run records were reviewed at the observatory for selected magnetic phenomena and the events identified were forwarded to the IUGG Commission on Magnetic Variations and Disturbances. This was discontinued on January 1, 1976, but a report on Outstanding Magnetic Effects is prepared monthly for this report.

Principal Magnetic Storms

Gradual and sudden commencement magnetic disturbances with at least one K-Index of 5 or greater, which are believed to be part of a world-wide disturbance, are classified as principal magnetic storms. The time of the storm beginning and ending; direction and amplitude of sudden commencements; period of maximum activity; and storm range are reported. Monthly reports of these data are forwarded to the World Data Center A in Boulder, Colorado.

Magnetogram Hourly Scalings

Magnetogram hourly scalings are averages for successive periods of one hour for the D, H, and Z elements. The value in the column headed "OI" is the average for the hour beginning 0000 and ending 0100. Note that the values on the scaling sheets are in tenths of mm with the decimal point omitted. The user of these scalings should keep in mind that the tabular values are hourly means and if he is interested in the detailed morphology of the magnetic field, he should refer directly to the magnetograms.

Magnetograms

The normal magnetograms in this report are reproduced at about one-third the size of the originals. Preliminary base-line values and scale values adopted for use with the original magnetograms are included. For days when the magnetic field is too disturbed for the Normal magnetogram to be readable, Storm magnetograms are reproduced.

Absolutes, Base-lines, and Scale Values

To determine the absolute value of the magnetic field from the hourly means or from point scalings the following equations should be used:

$D = B_D \cdot d \cdot S_D$ ;  $H = B_H \cdot h \cdot S_H$ ;  $Z = B_Z \cdot s \cdot S_Z$   
where D, H, and Z are absolute values;  
 $B_D$ ,  $B_H$  and  $B_Z$  are base-line values;  
 $S_D$ ,  $S_H$  and  $S_Z$  are scale values;  
and d, h, and s are scalings in millimeters.



# OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS

OBSERVATORY  
COLLEGE, ALASKA

MONTH FEBRUARY	YEAR 1980
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DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON <sup>1</sup>	REMARKS
02	19XX	pc4	
06	0320	ssc*	
14	0308	ssc*	

IDENTIFIED BY: JEP

VERIFIED BY: EAS

1. NATURE OF PHENOMENON: ssc, ssc\*, si, si\*, b, bp, bs, bps, pol, po2 - - - po5, pg, pi 1, pi 2, sfc. *4*

NOAA FORM 86-500  
(11/73)

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS

Data from Individual Observatories: COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA  
FEBRUARY 1980

WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRRESTRIAL PHYSICS  
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA  
BOULDER, COLORADO 80502 U.S.A.

Obs. 2 letter IDAA code	Geomag. lat.	Commencement		SC - amplitudes			Max. 3 hr - index K		Ranges			UT End			
		day	hr min (UT)	type	D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)	day	(3 hr - period)	K	D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)	day	hr
CO	64.96 N	06	0320	s.c.*	+11	+37	+15	06	6	7	405	1440	1090	06	22
		14	0308	s.c.*	-8	+47	-12	14	6	6	108	790	530	14	23
		15	19XX	..	..	..	..	16	3, 4, 5	6	193	1430	820	16	22

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA -- PRELIMINARY CALIBRATION DATA FOR:

FEBRUARY

1980

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 2-1-80	2400 U.T., 2-29-80	1.6/mm	3.78/mm	27° 47.2 E
X	0000 U.T., 2-1-80	2400 U.T., 2-10-80	7.88/mm		12751 X
	0000 U.T., 2-11-80	2400 U.T., 2-18-80	"		12759 X
	0000 U.T., 2-19-80	2400 U.T., 2-29-80	"		12753 X
Z	0000 U.T., 2-1-80	2400 U.T., 2-10-80	7.38/mm		55170 X
	0000 U.T., 2-11-80	2400 U.T., 2-29-80	"		55167 X

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 2-1-80	2400 U.T., 2-29-80	7.8/mm	29.78/mm	23° 50.2 E
X	0000 U.T., 2-1-80	2400 U.T., 2-29-80	44.08/mm		11508 X
Z	0000 U.T., 2-1-80	2400 U.T., 2-29-80	48.58/mm		54038 X

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		
D					
X					
Z					

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*					
D	X	Z			
28° 09.8 E	13019 X	55379 X			

\* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

MEAN TIME: FEB 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22



**MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS**  
(UNIVERSAL TIME)

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 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

U.S.S.P. 1973-74-511/702 MRS. 45

Table set in grades of sec. and sec averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnights. Rows 01 of local day (15108A.T.) is hour 11 of the 24-hour universal day.  
 Negative corrections have been applied. Negative values are in red, with minus signs shown.

LINE	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
01	321	342	342	349	359	371	387	380	363	358	350	363	345	365	352	352	343	345	312	317	317	326	334	322
02	339	348	347	378	368	378	381	441	452	387	365	249	314	292	351	343	371	363	359	354	346	336	320	317
03	321	338	347	355	362	366	367	369	351	349	348	348	349	347	357	359	361	367	365	355	339	319	304	83,555
04	317	335	347	349	351	357	362	364	377	369	349	331	299	357	359	344	359	355	347	337	327	320	318	321
05	328	337	348	352	355	357	358	357	349	349	339	341	329	317	307	344	359	368	367	357	339	328	316	82,668
06	319	329	336	360	368	365	367	463	354	388	306	47	2	196	372	78	615	91	227	175	277	337	332	321
07	329	331	329	351	338	392	455	451	399	327	314	248	49	300	348	344	339	331	246	247	309	295	336	309
08	310	326	338	370	408	409	446	541	517	370	191	58	-49	-111	-146	31	130	298	355	349	353	350	330	303
09	329	326	329	348	357	362	378	407	395	383	211	89	30	12	-200	94	227	231	232	328	359	342	329	308
10	311	318	328	338	349	352	352	352	348	347	343	342	342	342	342	347	349	348	348	341	328	317	306	299
11	300	309	319	328	334	339	347	341	338	337	335	337	344	338	337	345	349	348	350	343	330	318	301	299
12	298	301	316	324	329	332	338	336	342	325	339	338	329	319	345	348	350	348	348	339	329	313	304	305
13	308	312	320	327	330	333	338	340	340	339	335	342	349	349	355	352	359	362	360	349	336	323	317	311
14	316	321	323	340	344	341	362	365	348	108	29	147	89	54	176	181	272	108	409	347	353	337	329	319
15	331	340	321	321	333	361	383	459	517	486	399	407	333	331	357	341	339	349	344	313	149	10	216	414
16	334	351	461	677	511	412	336	56	231	492	74	419	187	204	28	28	255	260	288	253	244	339	349	330
17	317	316	311	314	319	324	331	321	321	321	327	330	330	309	301	307	336	330	329	327	327	319	317	327
18	299	299	329	319	327	331	329	361	341	264	219	161	69	163	306	349	312	300	213	209	269	300	307	320
19	324	361	404	414	481	449	341	357	347	339	333	331	331	329	321	336	349	341	335	321	317	311	311	311
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23	339	342	341	357	355	356	360	364	374	392	378	419	361	340	327	320	280	290	271	301	309	326	311	311
24	331	334	343	361	363	369	405	360	341	345	348	262	272	341	226	102	381	370	352	340	326	312	306	300
25	320	329	336	346	349	350	357	357	357	349	350	349	330	326	331	280	322	310	201	240	277	281	293	330
26	330	335	341	331	355	361	360	369	370	370	373	257	219	141	102	227	333	368	317	339	329	321	311	311
27	324	330	331	351	372	381	362	376	400	247	224	-19	-171	-476	-6	351	324	299	304	311	319	271	320	334
28	330	336	351	379	396	381	361	384	419	381	16	-92	301	373	353	347	335	323	323	329	310	303	303	319
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30																								
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SCALE BY	SPT, PPT, ZEP																							
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1) Interpreted  
 2) Significant portion of  
 3) No record; or no value  
 available because of  
 faulty record.  
 4) Derived from SUNA  
 5) Night, converted to Normal Night.  
 6) Scaling increases because  
 of magnetic storm.  
 7) Significant portion of  
 all of 1 sec; if value is  
 given, correction estimated  
 for missing part.

MONTHLY SUM 216475  
 MONTHLY MEAN 311  
 SCALE WITH DATA

MAGNETOGRAH HOURLY SCALINGS

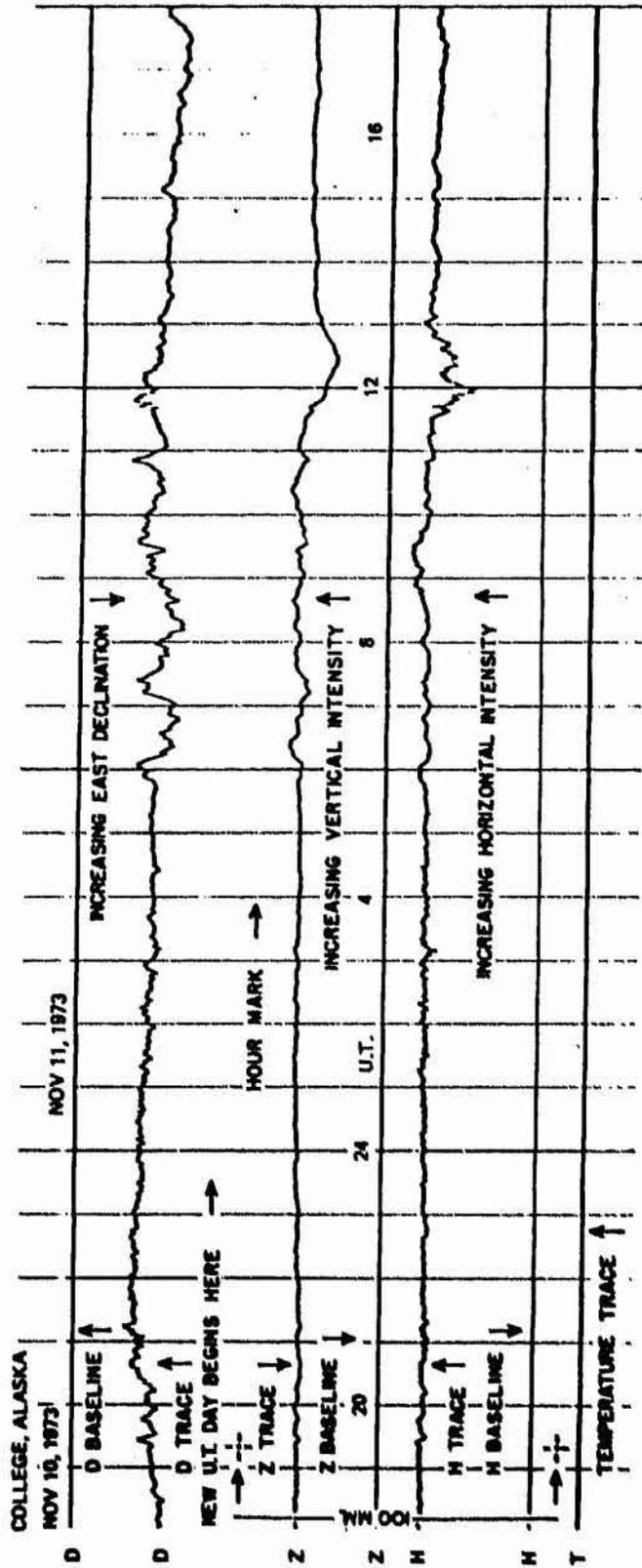
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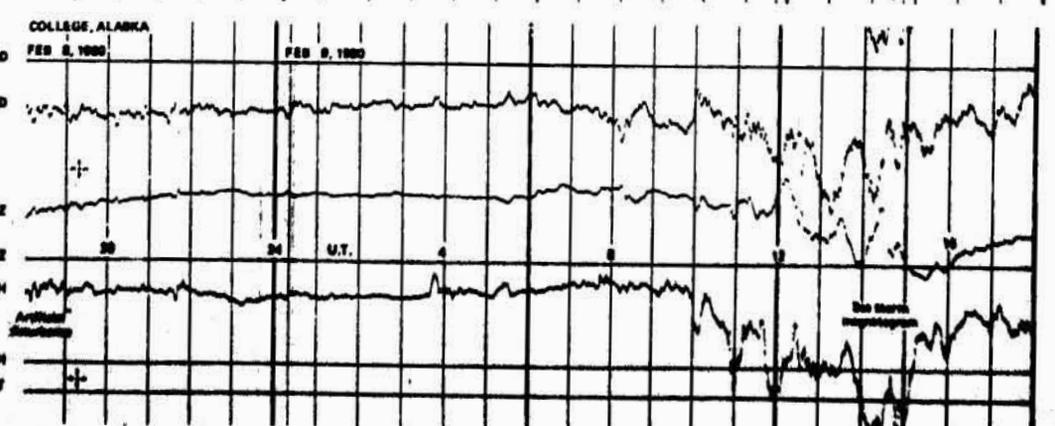
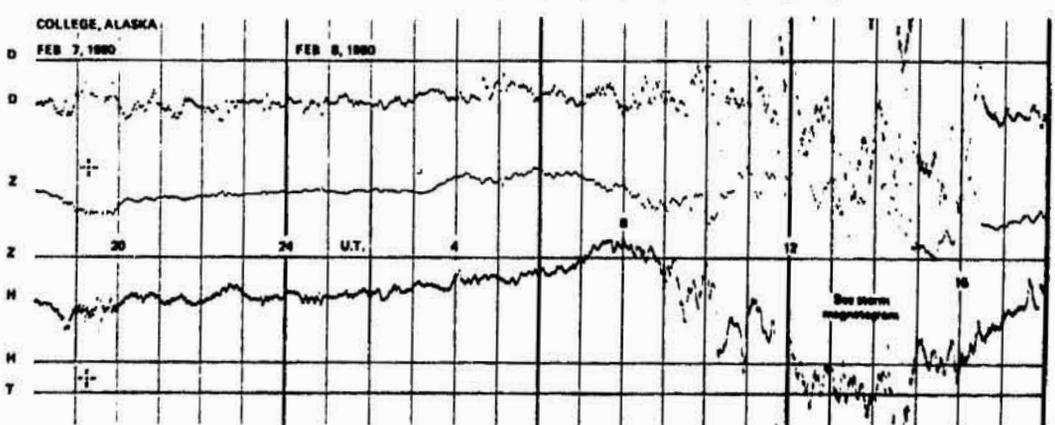
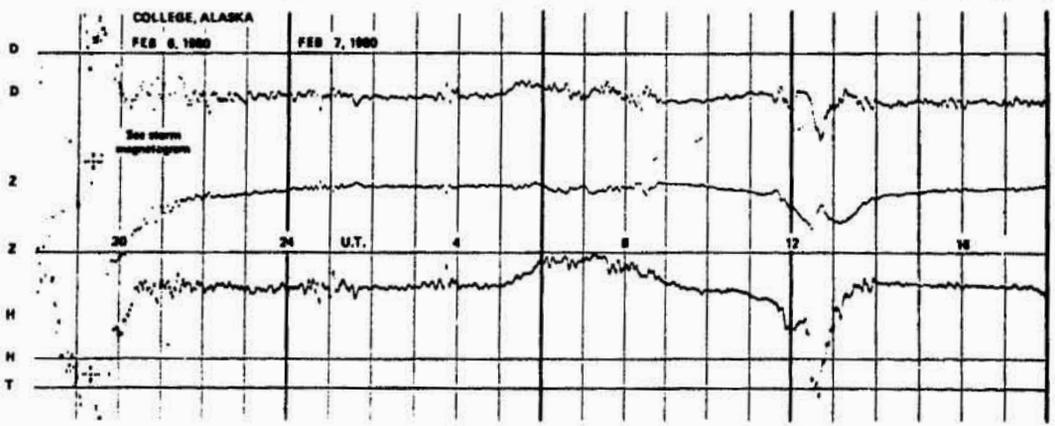
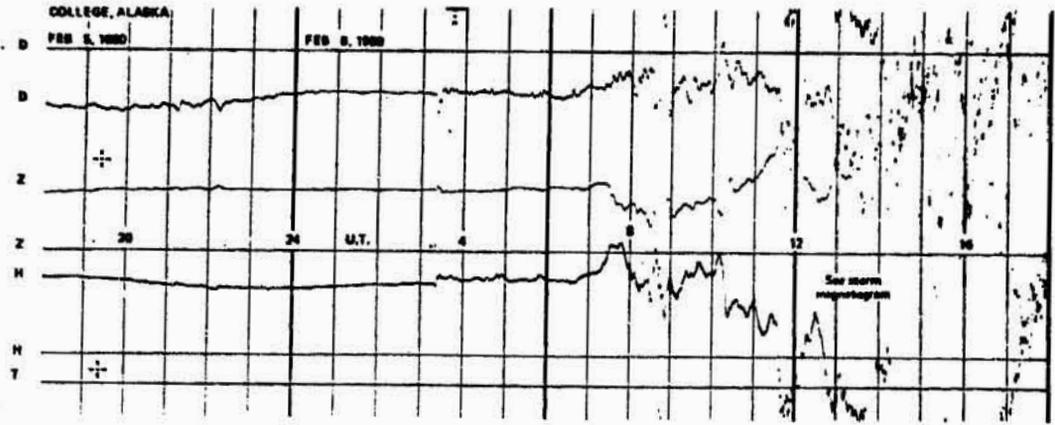
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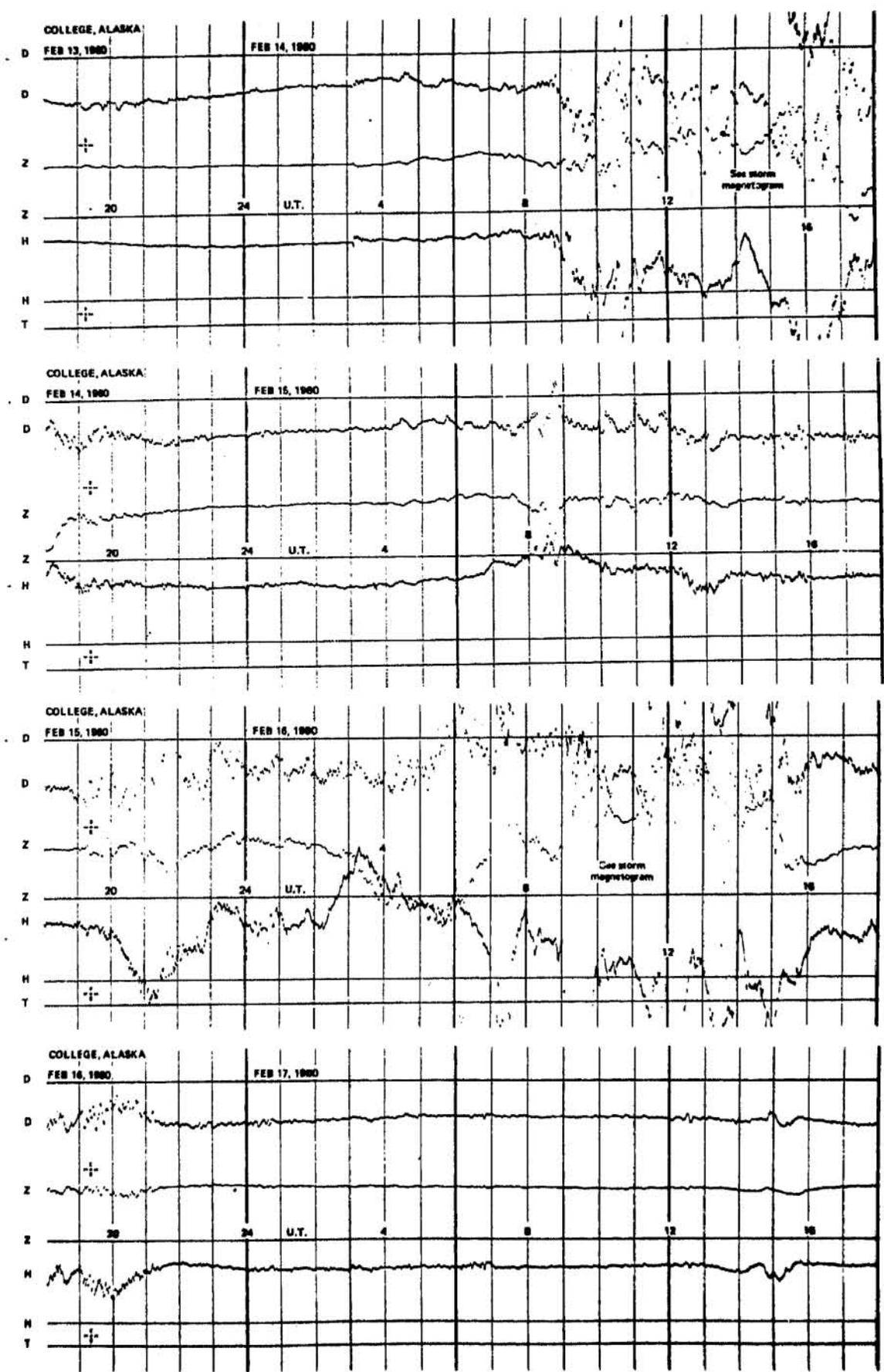
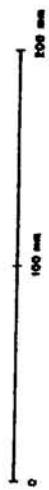


SEE PRELIMINARY CALIBRATION DATA FOR SCALE VALUES & BASELINE VALUES

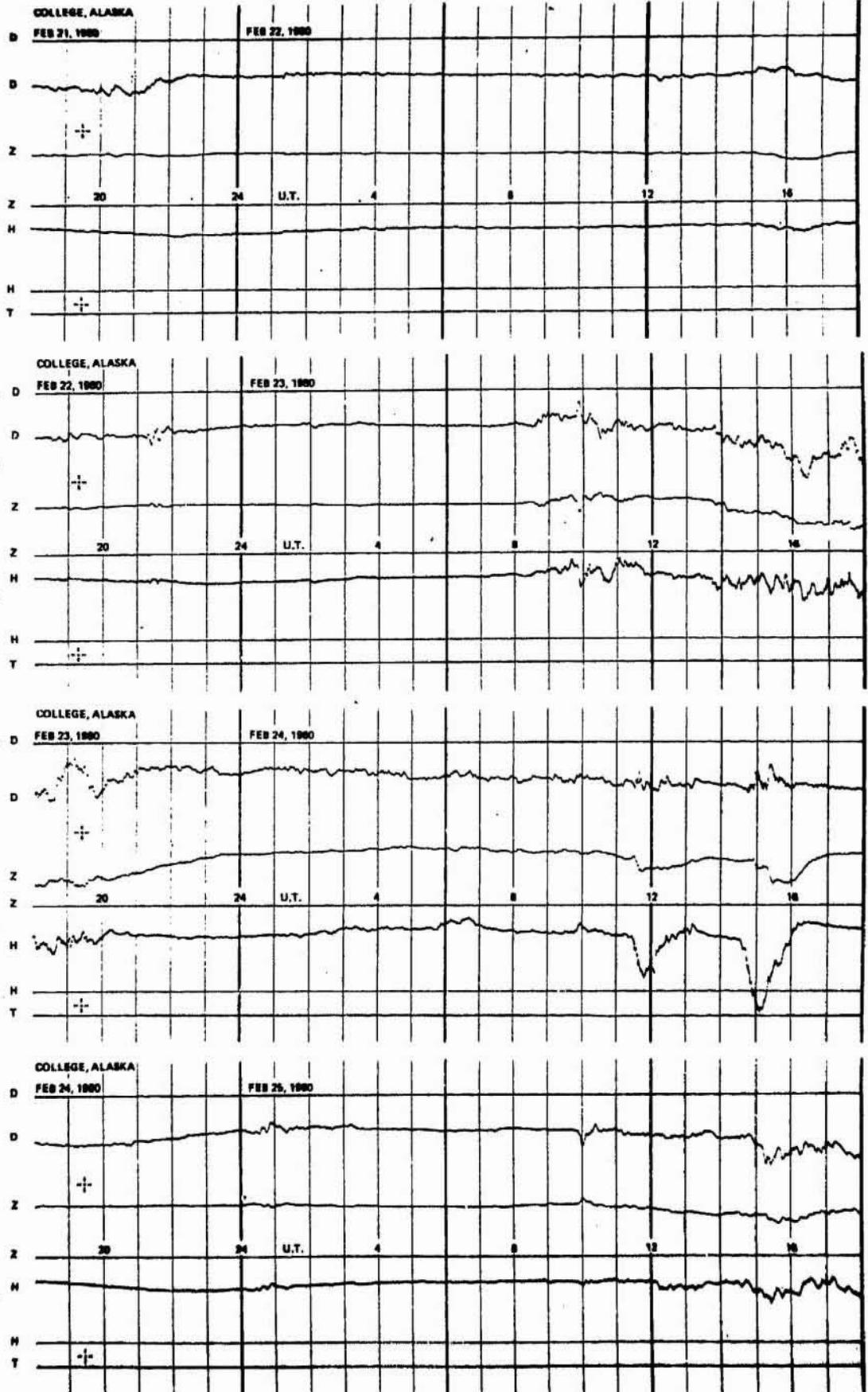
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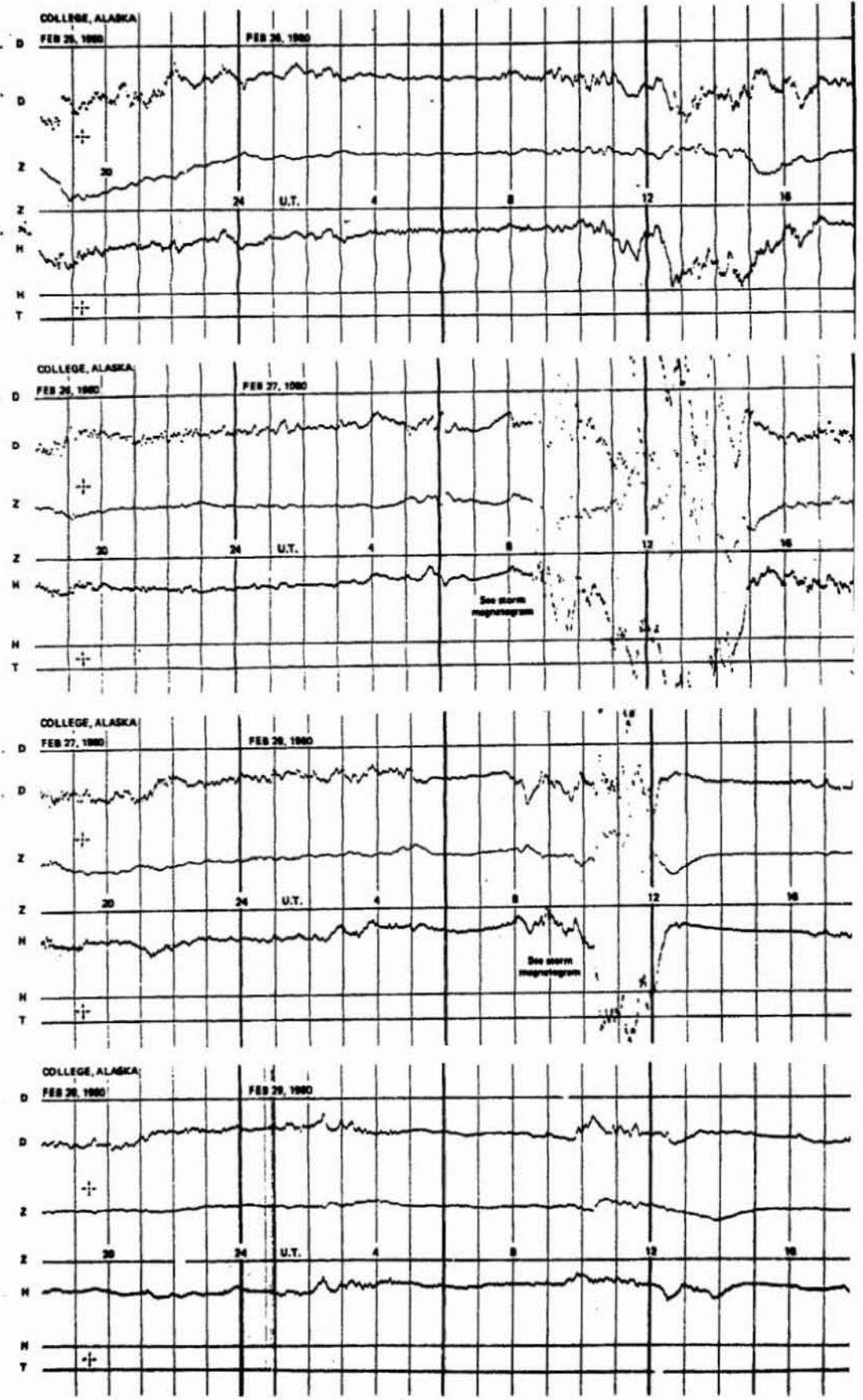
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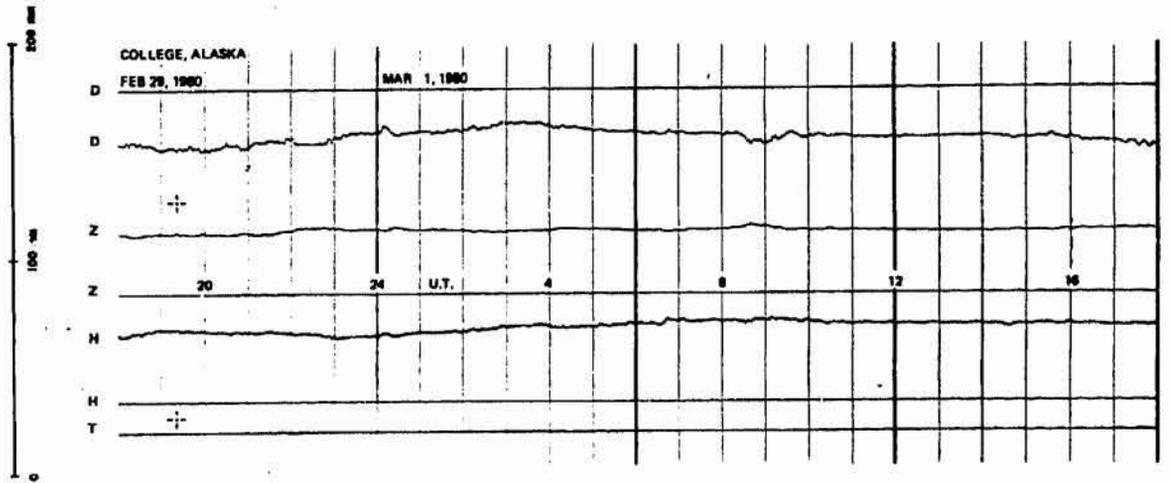
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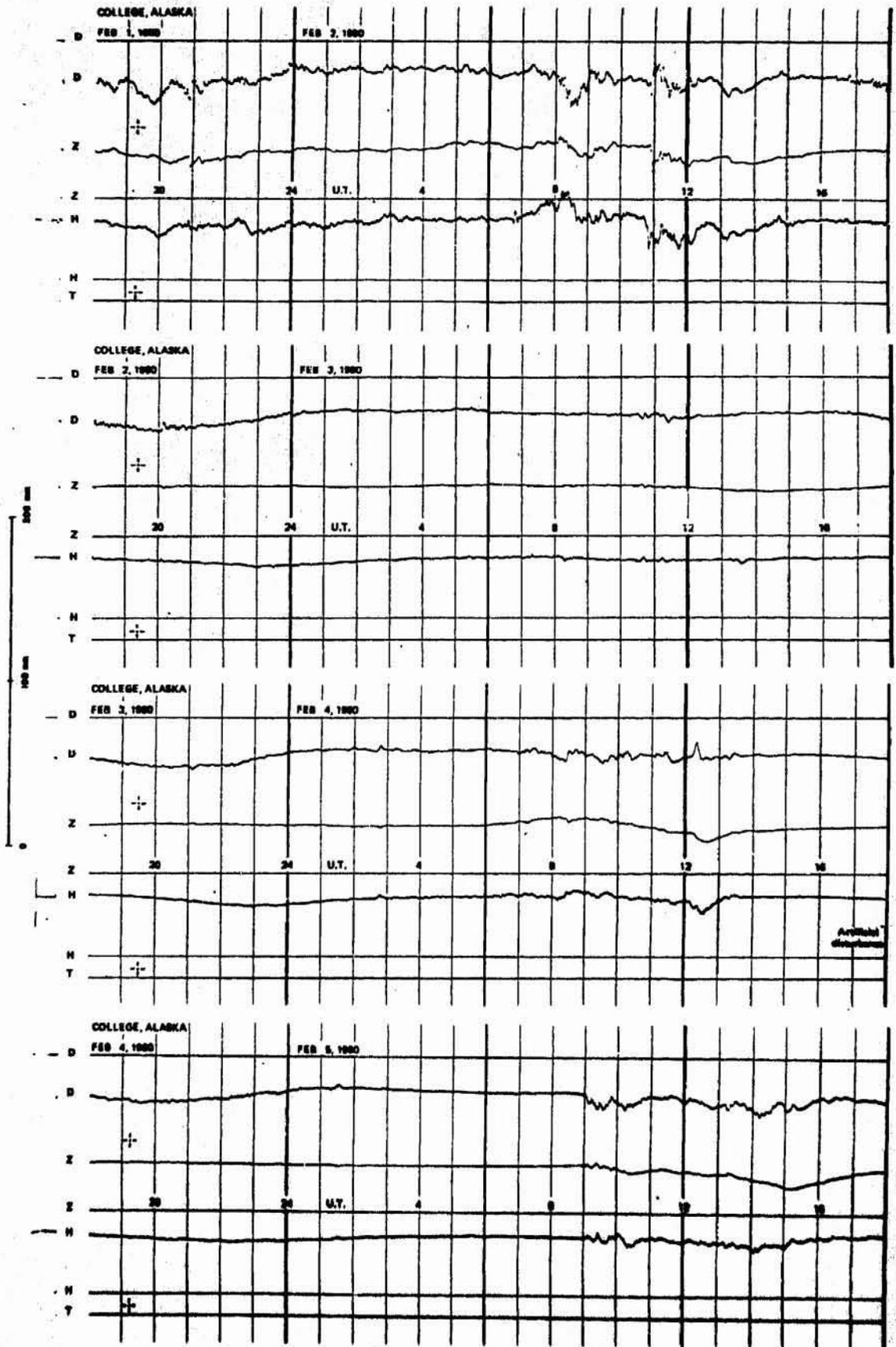


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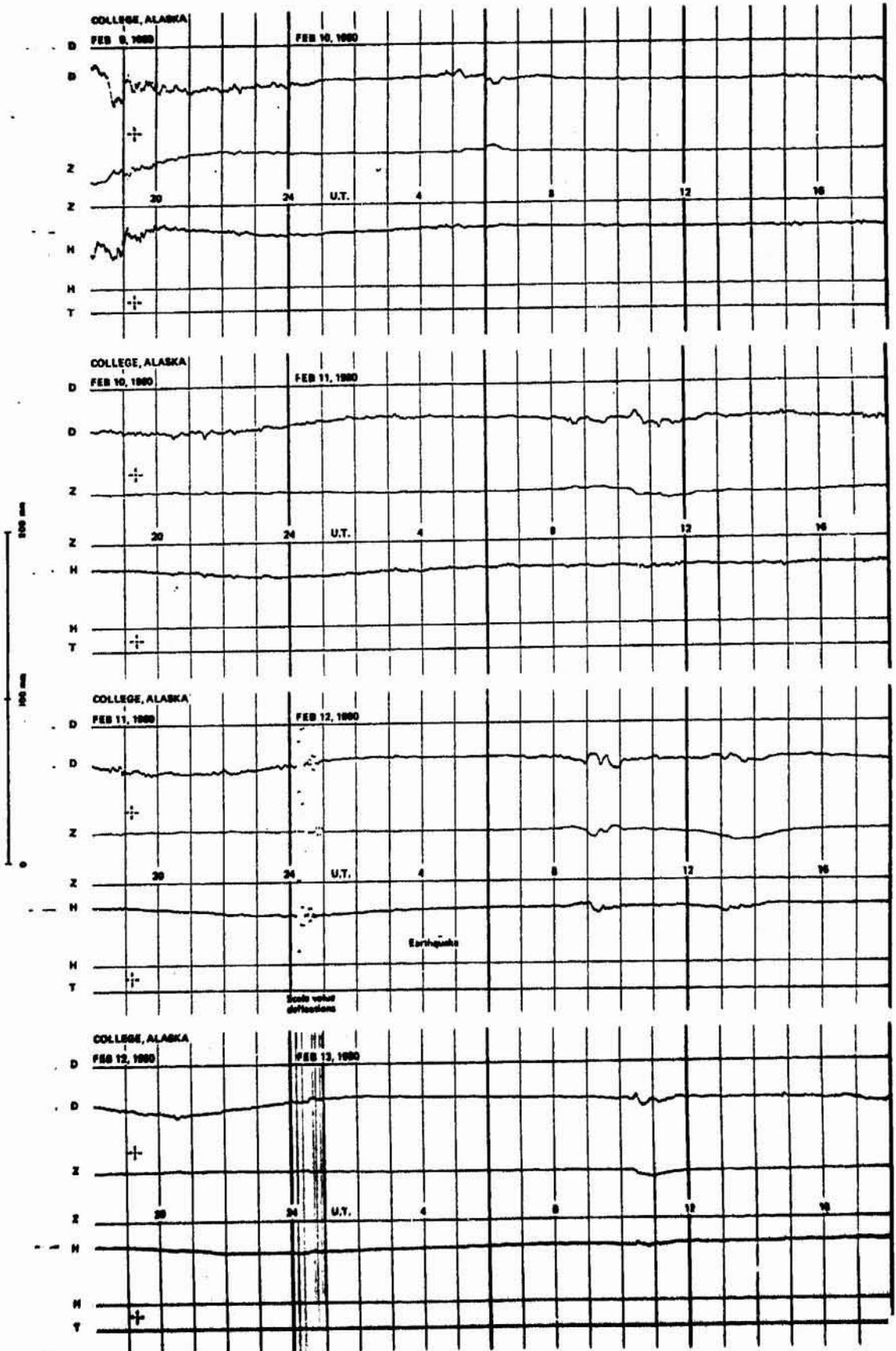




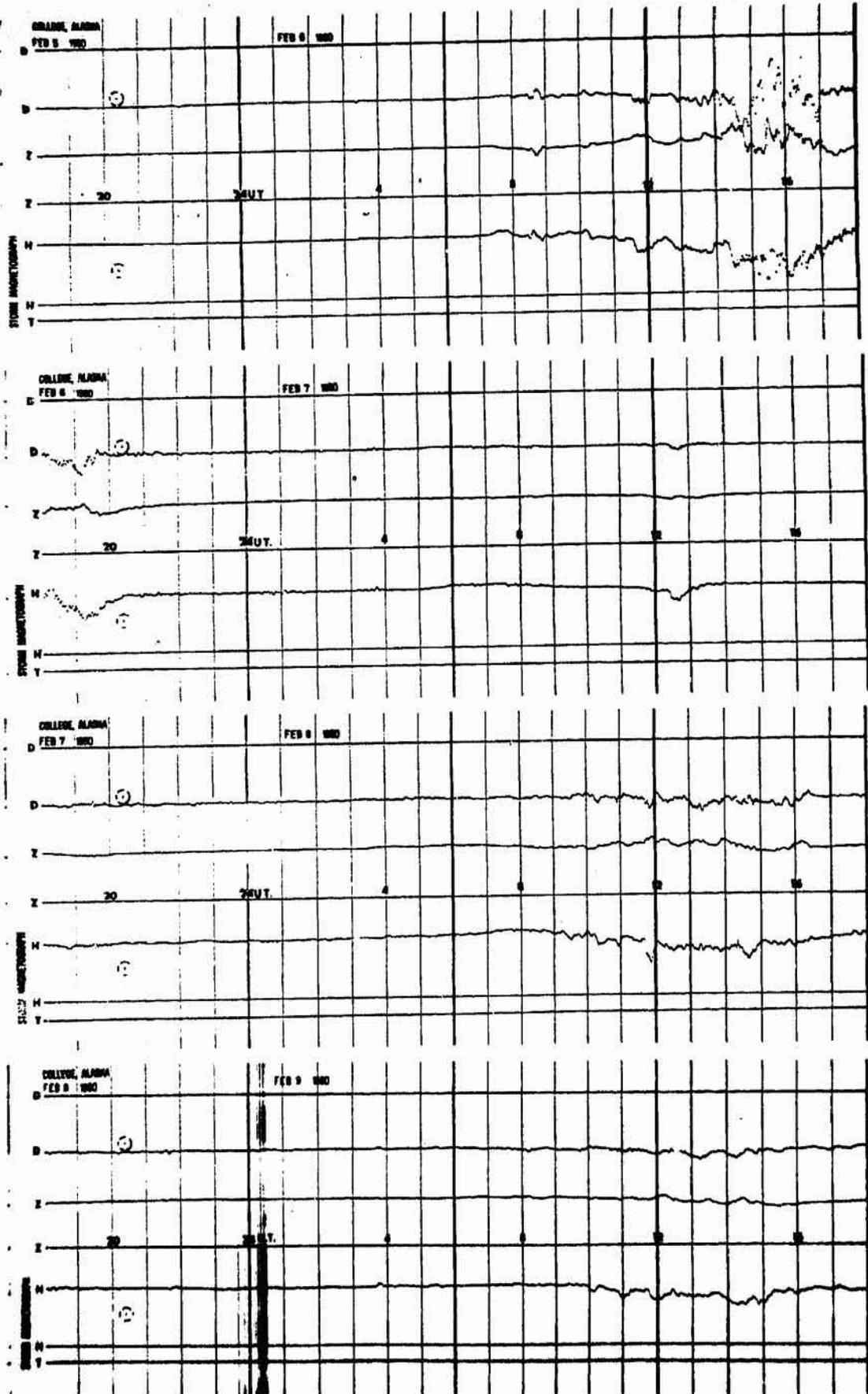
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STORM MAGNETOGRAMS



# NORMAL MAGNETOGRAMS

